

From: Nancy Galarza
To: Mike Powell, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 7:55 PM
Subject: No to Media conglomerates

Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell,

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

Commissioner Michael J. Copps,

Commissioner Kevin J. Martin, and

Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein:

Regarding the upcoming FCC vote, further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections.

THE MEDIA COMPANIES HAVE FAILED IN THEIR PUBLIC TRUST TO PROVIDE CRUCIAL UNBIASED INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT MOST PUBLIC ISSUES, MOST NOTABLY THE DRIVE TO WAR IN IRAQ.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. No, I don't have money and I shouldn't have to pay you for you to listen to my concern.

Thank you,

Nancy Galarza

From: Elizabeth Baker
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 8:16 PM
Subject: FCC Vote

Mr. Powell,

The vote by the FCC to deregulate the FCC is a false and misleading agenda. This proposal only lends it self to a more corporate controlled media. We have had enough of it in this country. The vulgarity of this move only proves that the corporations need to be in control and each of you are their perfect puppets. This move has to be stopped.

To leave our information in the hands of a few corporate driven profiteers is not democracy, no matter how you try to wrap it up with a marketing spin. The media has failed in their public trust to provide fair and impartial and full accounting of the news and daily events in our lives. The war in Iraq was this most notable failure of all reporting.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I urge you and others to break up the media conglomerates, open the spectrum to a wide variety of diversity and organizations and independent journalist. Reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Regards,
Elizabeth Baker
Los Angeles, CA USA

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From: p egan
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kimweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 8:45 PM
Subject: Deregulation

Dear Chairman & Commissioners,

Regarding the upcoming FCC vote, further consolidation/deregulation of the media strikes me as completely wrong. TV and radio news has been undermined by profit driven corporations and has had a steady, negative effect on our country and its access to information.

As an involved, informed citizen I am deeply concerned about the potential for bias and control exerted by these few media companies and call on you to break up these conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Edward Asner

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From: Judy Twigg
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 8:58 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

Judy Twigg
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April 22, 2003

Chairman, Federal Communications Commission Michael Powell
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445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman, Federal Communications Commission Powell:

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I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

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Judy Twigg

From: Laura Butler
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Apr 23, 2003 1:45 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

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Laura Butler

From: Greg Walls
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Apr 23, 2003 4:10 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

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From: Kyliya Bailey
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Apr 23, 2003 8:49 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

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With Respect,

Kylia J Bailey

From: Benjamin Kassow
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Apr 23, 2003 9:15 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

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Sincerely,

Benjamin Kassow

From: bradstuff@cox.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, Apr 23, 2003 12:02 PM
Subject: Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Commissioner Michael C. Copps

Dear FCC Commissioner Michael C. Copps,

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal or significant modification of these rules would likely open the door to numerous mergers that could reduce competition and diversity in the media.

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I encourage you to provide a detailed description of all proposed changes, their empirical basis, and a meaningful period of time for the public to review and comment on any proposed changes before a final rule is issued.

The stakes for citizens and the nation are enormous. More information, not less, about proposed changes would best serve the public interest. Indeed, we hope the Commission would do everything in its power to keep the rulemaking process as open and inclusive as possible.

Sincerely,

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From: Vera V Zlatarski
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Mar 31, 2003 7:11 PM
Subject: protecting free speech at home

Dear Chairman Powell:

I write to you today as a patriotic American who is very concerned and troubled with the stifling of free speech on our nation's airwaves. How is it possible that entities such as Clear Channel Communications, which controls over twelve hundred radio stations in the U.S., openly sponsor pro-war rallies across the nation and censor the broadcast of peace songs and news reports relating to the war in Iraq that do not support their specific political agenda? Our laws recognize the dangers of monopolies in the commercial sector; over our airwaves the dangers and the stakes are immeasurably greater. I urge you to work for legislation that breaks up the control of these monopolies.

Yours truly,

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CC: vzlatarski@yahoo.com

From: Bushbull30@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 1, 2003 3:08 PM
Subject: FREE PRESS IN DANGER !!!

FCC members must see as I do that the monopoly and control of media outlets that has taken place in the last decade has put a free press in danger!

If we continue this course we will in effect have created in the United States a "Pravda" like control over information and reporters!

It is time to start rolling back this monopoly which I believe is in violation of not only anti-trust laws but the Bill of Rights and the Constitution!

Journalists are being fired for their views and newspapers are being intimidated by government leadership from printing the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth!

Orlando C. Madeira
Newark NJ

From: debowd01@med.nyu.edu
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 1, 2003 7:30 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Chairman Powell:

I write to you today as a patriotic American who is very concerned and troubled with the stifling of free speech on our nation's airwaves.

Consolidation within the radio industry has allowed for small numbers of individuals to monopolize the dissemination of fact and opinion in large areas of the country. When the few hold that much power over the many's liberties, can that be said to be American? Even now, anti-war and pro-globalist voices are being silenced, by radio magnates unwilling to play their songs or air their opinions. Our laws recognize the dangers of monopolies in the commercial sector; over our airwaves the dangers and the stakes are immeasurably greater. I urge you to work for legislation that breaks up the control of these monopolies.

Yours truly,

Daniel Debowy

This mail sent through IMP: <http://horde.org/imp/>

From: blanehb@yahoo.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Apr 2, 2003 1:58 PM
Subject: Making Nazi Media- Preserve Media Diversity:

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell,

Hitler would be proud of you and your actions to have just a few people have total ownership of the media. Then we can implement the New World Order (The New Nazis) You should resign as an known enemy of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. You are more dangerous to the American People than Communist China.

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Sincerely,

Howard Boyer
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From: Ben Boyd
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Apr 2, 2003 10:12 PM
Subject: More diversity not less

Mr Powell,

I ask that you not allow further consolidation of the media. We need more diversity and different, and often divergent, viewpoints to have a thriving democracy. History will treat you kindly if you increase diversity and hence the flowering of freedom but it will treat you with a jaundiced eye if you acquiesce to corporate pressure to consolidate media control and hence further propaganda induced despotism. I trust you will make the right and honorable decision.

Respectfully,

Ben Boyd

From: Karla Woods
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Apr 3, 2003 9:22 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Mr. Powell,

Corporate monopolies weaken democracy. It's nearly impossible to find objective news as it stands now. Please don't bow to them.

Regards, The Woods Family

From: GregITSLTD@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 4:45 PM
Subject: Lifting Limits on station ownership

I submit to you members of the esteemed FCC comission that lifting the ownership limits (further than already done in the past) is a great dis-service to the American people. As an example tonight turn on the news, local or national. You will notice there are basically 5 main stories (on all stations even radio) story #1 will be shown on all news channels from 5:00 to maybe 5:10 story #2 from 5:15 to 5:20 after a commercial break and so on.

How is concentrating the sources of information to a into handfull of megacorporations beneficial to the american public? How does this ensure a free press? How does it safeguard the public from corporate and governmental abuse.

One thing the conflict with Iraq has brought out is the use of propoganda by both sides. Propoganda was something most american though could only exist in a totalitarian government. Yet I hear more and more Americans reffering to their own media in this way. I feel that lifting these ownership limits will further erode the publics confidence in the news they are getting. The same is true for music, clear channel owns 6 stations all of them have 5:30 funnies, play the same commercials the same news.

Please have the courage to stand up to these companies and be heros for the millions of americans who don't even know about this issue. We must rely on you, the members of the comission to protect us and just possible the constitution itself, for how can we have a free press if they have oligopoly.

Very Best Regards,

Greg Ortega
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From: Wickedflagon@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 10:07 PM
Subject: changing the rules of station ownership

Dear Chairman Powell:

We are alarmed at the fact that changes in the regulations of the FCC will allow the media to be controlled by fewer and fewer people. This will seriously endanger our democracy. A few large corporations controlling the media will act to increase their profits at the expense of unbiased reporting.

Sincerely

Eleanor Arons
Jerome Tovo

From: dalagons@chesint.net
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 10:10 PM
Subject: Do not lift restrictions on broadcast media ownership

Hello Chairman Powell,

I just finished watching Bill Moyer's show NOW on PBS and his report on the FCC's probable decision to relax the rules on media ownership thereby allowing most if not all of the countries broadcast media to be consolidated into the hands of a few powerful men - yes men, not corporations, and I must say PLEASE DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN. Please don't allow conglomerates to own the press. This will be a huge error on the part of the US Government if permitted to go further. In fact, in my estimation, it is already a huge blunder to have surrendered to big business as much as has already been surrendered on this issue.

I found myself agreeing with Mr. Moyer and the piece reporter, and I found myself astounded that this issue - the impending decision to deregulate this ownership - has got little or no public airing. Please do what you can bring more public exposure and debate on this.

Regardless of the public debate, I want you to know that I am opposed to the concept of permitting a few corporations to own all the media. Ill say it again - I am opposed to this. Please do what you can to make this right - to keep the press free by encouraging competition in all aspects.

Respectfully,
Marty Lagon
Baltimore, Maryland